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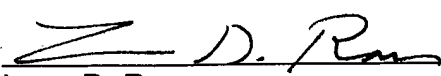
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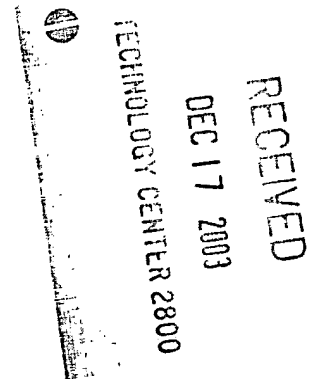
AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated October 09, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Amend claims 2-4, 6, 18, and 22 as follows:

Claim 1 (original)

1. A smart card reader for receiving a smart card that has a vertical thickness and horizontally extending width and length said card having opposite faces and contact pads on an active one of said card faces, wherein the reader includes a frame device having a card-adjacent surface lying in a horizontal plane, and a plurality of contacts mounted on said frame device for engaging said contact pads when said card active face lies in a horizontal plane, a carriage device that is slideable in forward and rearward horizontal longitudinal directions on the frame device and that has a card pushing surface for partially ejecting a card, and a spring that urges the carriage device rearward, comprising: